

KING COUNTY EARTH DAY EXPO



Friday, April 21, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

A veggie-powered bus, wriggling worms and a giant salmon named Bert are just some of the attractions at the 3rd Annual King County Earth Day Expo at Westlake Plaza, Fourth and Pine.

Highlights include:



A children's activity corner where preschool-aged children can create crafts designed to promote environmental awareness and learn how worms turn paper and food waste into a landscaping resource (10 – 11:30 a.m.).



Bert the Salmon, the Puget Sound's environmental mascot (all day).



More than 20 booths representing eco-friendly businesses, community organizations and government groups will provide examples of green products and services.



Greg Rabourn and Doug Rice, the stars of the popular King County TV show, Yard Talk, will answer common gardening and yard care questions. Some questions and answers could be used during an upcoming TV show.



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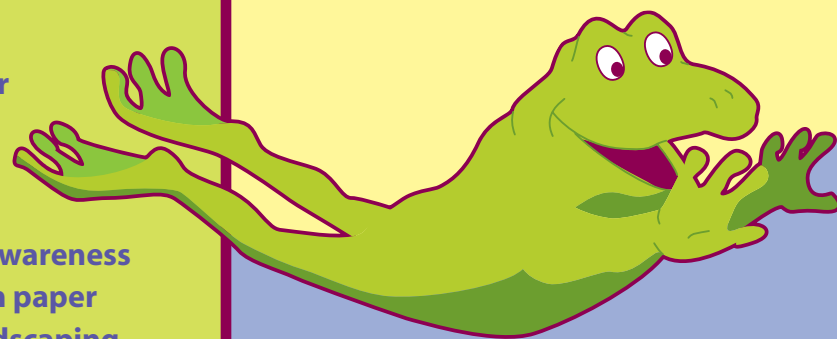
Visit www.metrokc.gov and search "spring into action" for more information.



King County

Spring Into Action!

April through
June 2006



Make every day Earth Day!

Earth Day is not the only time you can help restore our local environment. From April through June, King County will host several springtime environmental celebrations throughout the region beginning with its annual Earth Day Expo on April 21.

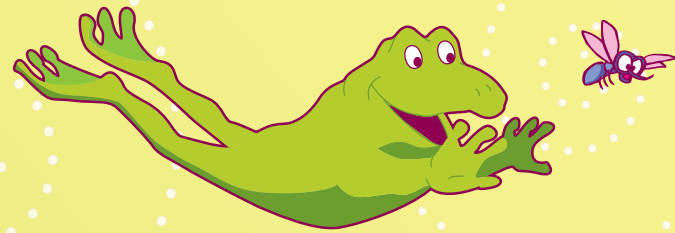
King County's Earth Day Celebration will take place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, April 21 at Westlake Plaza in downtown Seattle. The day will be full of fun, with educational and family oriented events, including environmental exhibits and a visit from Bert the Salmon.

This guide provides a schedule of fun and rewarding springtime activities that celebrate the season. Get the whole family involved as we Spring into Action to protect and preserve the environment!



Alternative formats and reasonable accommodations are available upon request by contacting Cynthia Hernandez at 206-263-6571 or TTY Relay: 711

Spring Into Action!



Pesticide free yard care: Good for salmon and kids!

Northwest Natural Yard Days: April 15-May 15, 2006

NORTHWEST NATURAL YARD DAYS
www.yarddays.com

During Northwest Natural Yard Days, a partnership of local retailers and nurseries, King County, City of Seattle and Washington State Department of Ecology, you can receive discounts on natural yard care products. These products will be discounted as much as 25 percent. Featured products include electric mulching mowers, push reel mowers, weed pullers, bagged compost, organic fertilizer, soaker hoses, water wands, less toxic slug bait, snail bait and moss control, bagged bark mulch and insecticidal soap.

Northwest Natural Yard Days encourages homeowners in King County to practice five steps to natural yard care.

1. Build healthy soil
2. Plant right for your site
3. Practice smart watering
4. Think twice before using pesticides
5. Practice natural lawn care

Practicing natural yard care with products purchased during Northwest Natural Yard Days can be the answer to yard care headaches such as unhealthy looking grass, garden pests and weed control. And, practicing natural yard care promises healthy gardens without large investments of time or money. For more information, please call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224 or visit www.metrokc.gov/dnpr/swd/.

Where does it go when you brush and flush?

Find out how brushing your teeth and washing your hands can help protect our local waters everyday on a wastewater treatment plant tour at King County's plants: South Treatment Plant, in Renton, and the West Point Treatment Plant, next to Seattle's Discovery Park. All children under nine years old must be accompanied by a parent. Tours are free of charge and are available Monday through Saturday. Call 206-296-8286 to schedule a tour.



Family fun at the farm!

Support local King County family farms and take the kids out berry picking! King County has more than 1,000 farms, many specializing in varieties of vegetables and fruits, herbs and flowers.

Each month brings a new crop of produce to each of the farms.

Rhubarb is plentiful in April, while potatoes, lettuce and radishes rule May. June is a great time to pick locally grown fresh strawberries and raspberries and July brings blueberries, green beans and cucumbers, among others.

Did you know that raspberries grown in the Puget Sound region make Washington the leading raspberry producing state in the country?

For more information about U-pick activities and to learn how your family can support King County produce and farmers, visit the Puget Sound Fresh Web site at www.pugetsoundfresh.org.

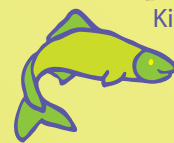


The Puget Sound Fresh program was created by the King County Agriculture Commission to encourage consumers, wholesalers, retailers and restaurants to seek out and purchase locally-grown products.

Water safety at the pool!

April Pools Day Activity Swim is an annual family activity that promotes fun and safety around the water. **Please join us on Saturday, April 29, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center**, 650 SW Campus Drive, Federal Way. April Pools Day features canoe rides, giant inflatable octopus, spring board diving and more. Admission is free. Call 206-296-4444 for more details.

Keep things clean for salmon



King County provides free cleanup of litter and illegal dumpsites located on public land and waterways throughout the county. Please tell us if you know of any locations that need to be cleaned up. We can help. Call King County Solid Waste at 206-296-7483.

Come help restore the earth!

Celebrate Spring!

Come out on a Saturday this spring to help plant, weed, protect and mulch plantings at various locations or pot up trees at the King County Greenhouse and Nursery. Plantings improve stream habitat for fish and wildlife and improve water quality. Potted up plants are used in future restorations. We also do volunteer trail work. Unless otherwise noted, events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To sign-up, get directions and information or to arrange a group project weekdays or weekends, contact Tina Miller at 206-296-2990 or tina.miller@metrokc.gov.

Volunteer to help restore and steward the earth!

Pot up trees at the King County Greenhouse and Nursery, Maple Valley – We have 40,000 native trees and shrubs to pot and need your help!
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27 June 3, 10

Help maintain restoration projects

- Red Town Meadow Restoration on Cougar Mt, Newcastle – April 22, May 27 and June 24
- Tolt-MacDonald Park along the Snoqualmie, Carnation – Earth Day - April 22
- Mezler Park along the Green River, Auburn – April 29

Trail Work

- Grandridge near Issaquah –April 4 to 14

Dig in weekly with The Dirt

For up-to-date information on volunteer opportunities, please visit The Dirt, an on-line calendar at the Department of Natural Resources and Parks at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/PI/calendar.htm>. Each volunteer who picks up a shovel to help plant natives or control invasive weeds at restoration sites around the county helps protect and restore natural habitat for salmon and other wildlife.

Tour a veggie powered bus!

Joining in Earth Day celebrations this year will be the King County Department of Transportation. Visitors can tour one of the first Metro Transit buses in King County to run on a mixture of biodiesel fuel and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel, making it one of the cleanest running buses in the nation.

King County Metro Transit's commitment to piloting the use of biodiesel will make it the largest user of biofuels in the state of Washington, which may in turn significantly increase markets for this clean burning alternative to fossil fuels.



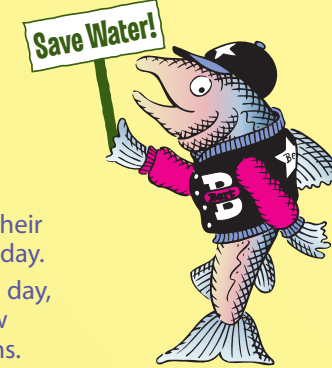
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Make a change this spring and save some water for summer!

Bert's Major League Water Saving Stats:

- If 45,000 people, the number of fans in a packed Safeco field, turn off the water when they brush their teeth or shave, we'll save up to 450,000 gallons a day.
- If 45,000 people shower for one minute less each day, we'll save 52,000 gallons. If they all have low-flow showerheads, the savings jump to 481,500 gallons.
- If 45,000 people flush the toilet one less time a day, we'll save 157,000 gallons. If we all install Flush Star low-flow toilets, we'll save on an additional 499,000 gallons.
- If 45,000 people take their car to a car wash instead of washing it at home, we will save up to 3 million gallons of water.

For more ways you can save water at home, go to <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/WTD/waterconservation/>.



"Bert the Salmon"



Hit the Trail!

Put a spring in your step and take the whole family outdoors on an easy walk or bike ride along the beautiful Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Learn about the local watershed from colorful interpretive signage enhanced by salmon-inspired artwork found along the trail at: McCormick Park in Duval; the Tolt River and Griffin Creek bridges in Carnation; and Meadowbrook Slough in Snoqualmie, near the Mt. Si Golf Course. Local students created tile art, totem poles and even a steel arch to accompany the signage and inspire watershed protection.

For information about the Snoqualmie Valley Trail call 206-296-8687 or go to <http://www.metrokc.gov/parks/trails/trails/snoqv.htm>. For more information about the signage and art project go to <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wrias/7/> or call 206-296-1959.

Surface Water Word Search

These surface water terms are hidden here going up, down, left, right and diagonally.

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Alevin
Cattail
Chinook
Cleanup
Coho
Creek

Drainage
Ecology
Erosion
Flood
Fun
Habitat

King
Mayfly
Monitor
Pollution
Pool
Rain

Riffle
Riparian
River
Runoff
Salmon
Silt

Stream
Volunteer
Water
Watershed
Wetland

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CALENDAR Spring 2006

APRIL

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4-14 Trail Work - Grandridge near Issaquah

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MAY

4-21 Cirque du Soleil at King County's Marymoor Park ✱

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JUNE

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144th King County Fair set for July 19-23

Baby animals, elephant ears and three entertainment stages with non-stop quality entertainment are on tap at the 144th King County Fair, July 19-23 in Enumclaw – guaranteed to be a fair you can kick up your heels at with the whole family. What's more, all the entertainment is free with the price of admission. General admission prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and \$6 for seniors 62 and over.

More information is available by calling the King County Fairgrounds, 206-296-8888.

✱ **Cirque du Soleil** - a celebrated theatrical show that mixes the arts of the circus and the street, and features original music, light effects and costumes - is presenting for the first time the live touring production of Varekai under its trademark blue-and-yellow Grand Chapiteau at Marymoor Park. Tickets are available at www.cirquedusoleil.com.

The Cirque du Soleil shows, set to begin May 4, are the first events scheduled for a new recreation event and activity area now under construction at King County Marymoor Park.

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